

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-10, without prejudice, and rewrite claims 2-6 and 8-10 as new claims 11-18 as follows:

11. (New) A sample solution treating instrument for formulating a sample solution to be supplied to a biosensor for analysis, comprising a sample introducing part to which the sample solution is introduced, control means for converting the sample solution to a condition for analysis with the biosensor, and a sample releasing part for supplying the converted sample solution to the biosensor, wherein the biosensor to which the sample solution is supplied is separate from the control means.

12. (New) The sample solution treating instrument in accordance with claim 11, wherein the control means has a catalyst located inside the instrument, the catalyst being a catalyst for converting an interfering substance in the sample solution to a harmless substance having no adverse effect on the measurement results.

13. (New) The sample solution treating instrument in accordance with claim 12, wherein the catalyst is at least one enzyme.

B2 14. (New) The sample solution treating instrument in accordance with claim 11, wherein the control means has an adsorbent located inside the instrument, the adsorbent being an adsorbent for adsorbing and removing an interfering substance in the sample solution.

15. (New) The sample solution treating instrument in accordance with claim 11, wherein the control means has a buffer agent located inside the instrument, wherein the buffer agent adjusts a pH of the sample solution to a pH range adequate for the activity of an enzyme in the biosensor.

16. (New) The sample solution treating instrument in accordance with claim 11, further comprising a heater for heating the sample solution.

17. (New) The sample solution treating instrument in accordance with claim 11, wherein the sample introducing part and the sample releasing part are at different positions, the control means is located between the sample introducing part and the sample releasing part, and the sample solution, having passed through the control means, is released from the sample releasing part.

18. (New) A sample solution treating instrument for formulating a sample solution to be supplied to a biosensor for analysis, comprising a sample treating unit which contains a substance for converting the sample solution to a condition for analysis with the biosensor, and a sample supply unit which is made of an elastic material for retaining the sample